

**November 2016**

**Important Messages:**

The Pre-Prep Graduation will be held on Tuesday 29th November starting at 11.30am. After the graduation you are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle BBQ to help celebrate the next journey for the Pre-Prep children. Invitations for the Pre-Prep graduation have been placed in family pockets.

Mark it on the calendar, CTC Children's Christmas party will be held on Thursday 1st December from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Please come and join us for this end of year celebration, It has always proved to be a great evening and opportunity for families and educators to come together and recognise a wonderful year of achievements and milestones. It is also a great night filled with fun and laughter. Invitations have been placed in all family pockets.

Everyone should have received a letter from CTC CEO Nina Temperton regarding the future of Community Kids and Nanango Childcare Centre. Nina has invited feedback, please feel free to make your suggestions. If you have not received the letter, let us know and we will forward it to you.

As summer is drawing closer please make sure your children have appropriate clothing, wide brim hats and drink bottles.

I would like to say thankyou to all the children, families and CTC staff, as my family and I have made the decision to relocate. My last day will be Thursday 1st December 2016. It has been a pleasure working and getting to know you all over the past two and a half years.

Thankyou and best wishes, Renae.



## 0-2 Nursery

Sometimes it's nice to just take a step back to watch the laughter, squeals and enjoyment the babies get from what seems like the simplest experiences. The babies have been experimenting with colours, painting and making collage hand print flowers and bumble bees, which all turned out beautifully.

The babies have been exploring and getting messy with sensory play, squishing, patting and splashing with goop, spaghetti and water.

We are going to replant our garden, so if anyone has any child friendly suggestions on what we should plant next, please feel free to share your ideas.

A warm welcome to Amelia, Aurorah and Maddison who have joined our room.

## 2-4 Tigers

Spring has arrived, in recognition of this change of season the children have been researching some spring activities such as flowers growing and bees and their bee hives. The Educators extended this further by using recyclable egg cartons with the children to create their very own bee hive which is displayed in their room accompanied by bumble bees and honey comb.

The children have been enhancing their sensory and literacy skills with shaving cream activities incorporating mixed powder paints and glitter. The children made patterns, letters and pictures with their hands.

Colour recognition activities have been incorporating fruit and vegetables such as, bananas with yellow paint, apples with red paint, oranges with orange paint and broccoli with green paint. The paintings look awesome and this activity has given the children a unique way of exploring healthy fruit/vegetables and colours.

As a letter recognition activity the children were given letters to retrace and decorate with pom poms.

We would like to welcome two new children and their families to the room, Dekota and Leiham.





## Pre- Prep

Pre-Prep children participated in under 8's day held at the Nanango Primary School on Friday 21st October from 9.30am-11.30pm. This was an opportunity where the children joined in a range of activities and interacted with many children of all ages from the local School and community.

Vacation Care enabled the Pre-Prep children to interact with the school aged children who displayed wonderful support and kindness towards the younger children. The children participated in many activities including - excursions to the school playground, clay creations for the fairy garden, play dough, beading, painting, cooking, dress-ups, gardening and board games.

Group time learning has been rich in numeracy and literacy, including making and reading our own book and lots of name recognition games. The children are becoming very confident in recognising their own names as well as their friends' names. Our numeracy learning has involved lots of games and mathematical concepts, such as number bean bags, counting children's attendance each day, then adding the number of adults to work out the total number of people in the room. The Educators discuss how to write numbers including numbers up to 20.

The children have been sitting at the tables at group times to practice how to trace and write their names.

During music time the children have had a fantastic time playing the musical instruments along to the music playing in the background.



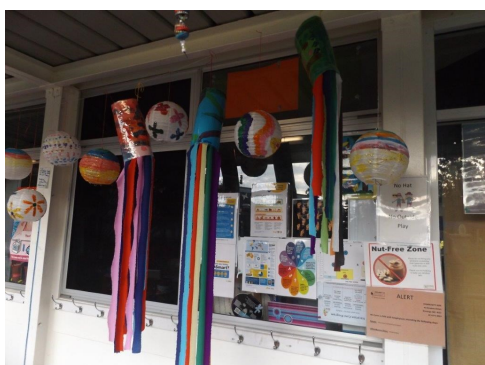
## School aged Group

The change of season has brought out the sunshine and bugs, the children have been catching safe bugs for the rooms' enclosure which hosts a frog and skink. The room has also had a new addition of a fish tank and after many suggestions from the children it was decided that the two Siamese fighting fish would be named Bob and Lala (there is not much fighting that happens) The children have all been engaged watching the fish and have been discussing what they need to survive in their tank.

The children have been making gardens, trains, binoculars and fairy ornaments from recycled products.

Vacation care was very active with tennis, trips to the bike parks, walking and playground visits and two new excursions. One to the movies in Kingaroy where the children saw "The Secret Life of Pets" and the second being a trip to Ten Pin Bowling in Kingaroy. Both were extremely enjoyed by all who attended. The children also participated in arts and craft activities. They made spiders, dogs, cats, chooks and echidnas from paper plates. Wind socks are decorating the centre and pottery fairy ornaments were created for the garden. The children also enjoyed some cooking experiences making quiche and pizzas. With so much planned it proved to be a very enjoyable and fun vacation care.

Before and after school care is back in full swing with children playing games of pool, air hockey, computers and outside games.



## Recipe of the Month – Bacon, spinach and tomato frittata



### **Ingredients**

- 20g butter
- 1 brown onion, sliced
- 3 short-cut bacon rashers, chopped
- 200g cup mushrooms, sliced
- 80g baby spinach
- 1/4 cup chopped basil
- 250g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 8 eggs
- 1/2 cup finely grated parmesan

### **Method**

- Preheat grill on high. Melt butter in a 20cm (base) heavy-based flameproof frying pan over medium heat.
- Cook sliced brown onion and chopped shortcut bacon rashers for 5 minutes or until browned. Add sliced cup mushrooms. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until softened.
- Add baby spinach, chopped basil and halved cherry tomatoes. Reduce heat to low.
- Whisk 8 eggs and finely grated parmesan together. Season. Pour over vegetable mixture in pan. Lift and tilt pan to spread egg mixture evenly. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until frittata is almost set.
- Place pan under grill. Grill for 5 minutes or until just set and light golden. Stand for 2 minutes before sliding onto a plate. Cut into wedges. Cool. Refrigerate for up to 2 days.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### November

- **16 International Day for Tolerance**
- **29 Pre Prep Graduation**

### December

- **1 Children's Christmas Party**
- **3 International Day of People with Disabilities**
- **12 School Holidays commence and Vacation Care commences**
- **18 International Migrants Day**
- **24 Christmas Eve**
- **24 Centres close for the Christmas/New Year Break**
- **25 Christmas Day**

## CTC CHILDCARE BUS SERVICE

CTC Childcare Service offers a bus service to the immediate Nanango district for children who attend Community Kids or the Nanango Childcare Centre. Using the service incurs a small cost of \$2.00 per child per trip. For more information please contact Megan or Renae.


*Parents please ensure all of your child's belongings are labelled with their name, we are ending up with lots of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes without names*

### Parent Notes

Parents please ensure your child has spare clothes, appropriate shoes and socks for the season and drink bottles.

Could we ask that you don't send toys in with your children as they are getting lost or broken during the day, unless they are for "Show and Tell."



<h1>Family Input – What did you do on the weekend?</h1>		
<b>Early Years Learning Framework</b>	<b>Principle 2</b> Partnership	
Family Name:		Date:
Child's Name:		



## Principle 2

Date:

## Our Weekends

Everything parents and families do interest children and these events, no matter how big or small are the best educational resources you can provide for the centre. We use these events in our curriculum/program and the ideas explored from your weekend can last for weeks. This allows you to see firsthand what we do and your child sees that there is a connection between home and the centre. This strengthens the learning link.

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